

GLOOMY OUTLOOK

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IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE TO CROPS

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Memphis, Tenn., April 21.—The flood situation in Mississippi and Louisiana remains gloomy, with but little change in the conditions as previously reported. Authentic reports regarding damage to crops in country districts adjacent to Vicksburg by the heavy rains of the early days of the week have just come to hand. From these reports the devastation and ruin is widespread, crops, especially corn, being nearly a total loss. The first train from the south over the Valley road since Monday night reached Vicksburg at 9 o'clock Friday night. Officials of the road announce that the regular schedule will soon be in force. Alhambra and Vicksburg trains are now only as far as Jackson. The Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific is open to Shreveport.

Heavy rains Thursday interfered with the work of repairing the railroad tracks.

Young plants were beaten into the ground and covered beyond resurrection. Cotton planters will be the greatest sufferers. Seeds are very scarce, and immediate replanting will be necessary to produce a new crop. The town of Vicksburg, Miss., is in a distressing situation, being completely surrounded by water. However, the water is reported to be falling rapidly.

The merchants and business men of Meridian are suffering from the continued suspension of railroad traffic. Five days have elapsed since any freight or mail reached the city, except from the north.

Reports from surrounding flooded districts are gloomy, showing no prospect of the resumption of traffic before Monday or Tuesday. The waters in the larger streams south of Vicksburg continue to rise.

REACHES ITS LIMIT.

Loss of Stock to Farmers Will Be Enormous, Many Farms Being Entirely Under Water.

Mobile, Ala., April 21.—The flood condition of the Mobile & Ohio has not improved, although it is reported the flood has reached its limit. The railroad company has 500 men at work repairing tracks, and the officials expect through trains will be run by Monday.

A special from Buckatunna says the loss of stock to farmers is enormous. Many of the farms are ten feet under water. Families have been forced to seek the hills for safety.

The Southern railway is in bad shape between Meridian and the Gulf, and there will be no trains before Monday. The Louisville & Nashville is carrying much Illinois Central freight. One hundred and seven car loads of bananas is one item of one day's business of the character.

The Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City railroad escaped damage until Friday, but the rivers have overflowed and cut off Merrill, the western terminus, on the Pascagoula river. There are from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 logs in the Pascagoula river basin, threatening damage to the Louisville & Nashville bridge below if the boom breaks.

VESSELS ORDERED HOME.

The Occasion for Our Warships Leaving the Panama Canal Said to No Longer Exist.

Washington, April 21.—The Philadelphia has reached Panama. She will be ordered home at once, as will also the Detroit, which has been lying at Chiriqui lagoon, on the gulf side of the isthmus. The reports received at the navy department are that the occasion for the presence of the warships no longer exists, the revolutionary trouble on the isthmus having subsided, perhaps in part owing to the unexpected appearance there of the American cruisers.

The Detroit will sail within a day or two for Portland, N. H., where she is to be extensively repaired and put out of commission.

Congressmen Each Reappointed. Alma, Wis., April 21.—The seventh district republican caucus met here and reappointed Congressman John J. Esch and elected delegates to Philadelphia. Resolutions honoring the national and state administrations were adopted.

Department of Justice Building. Washington, April 21.—Attorney General Clegg has been appointed to a committee on public buildings and grounds to urge an additional \$1,000,000 appropriation for the proposed new department of justice building.

DANGER OF A FLOOD FEAR.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 21.—Specimens from Wausau and Merrill, Wis., show the water in the Wisconsin river is subsiding and danger of a further flood is believed to be past.

Heavy Fighting Near Kamsui.

Accra, April 21.—Heavy fighting is reported in progress near Kamsui.

TAYLOR IN WASHINGTON.

He Will Return to Frankfort as Soon as the Test Cases Are Argued Before Supreme Court.

Washington, April 21.—The friends here of Hon. W. S. Taylor, the republican governor of Kentucky, deny that he is unwilling to return to Frankfort, where, it is rumored here, an indictment has been returned against him for complicity in the murder of Jim Goshel. Mr. Taylor is the guest of W. B. Catelbach, of 1925 G street, where he expects to remain during his stay in Washington. Mr. Catelbach, who is from London, Ky., is an old personal friend of Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor is engaged in supervising the preparation of the argument in his contest before the supreme court. When his labors are finished his friends say he will return to Frankfort irrespective of the conditions there.

PENSION LEGISLATION.

The Grand Army Bill Will Be Favorably Reported to the House Early Next Week.

Washington, April 21.—After extended conference the house committee on invalid pensions, which Representative Sulzby, of New Hampshire, is chairman, finally determined to report to the house senate bill 1477, which has been under consideration in grand army circles and is known as "the Grand Army bill."

The final draft of the bill aggregates the disabilities under which application may be made for pension under the act of June 21, 1930. The other radical change in existing law is the changing of the rate of income of a soldier's widow from the present rate of \$60 per year to an "actual net income of \$200 per year."

JAPANESE COMING BY THOUSANDS.

Washington, April 21.—Assistant Secretary Taylor, of the treasury department, has received a telegram from the immigration inspector at Port Townsend, Wash., in which he states that 1,000 Japanese immigrants were landed at that port and 2,500 are expected on the next steamer. In consequence of this sudden increase in the arrival of Orientals, he is unable to continue the necessary examinations unaided, and asks for authority to employ additional help. Mr. Taylor wired him authority to employ three emergency men.

THINKS THERE WILL BE TROUBLE.

Washington, April 21.—Ambassador Hiley, the Turkish minister, said that he probably would hear from his government in a short time concerning the American claims. He insists that an amicable settlement can be arranged and repeats his statement already published, that in view of the high esteem in which he held by the sultan and the fact of his acting in a diplomatic capacity, Minister Straube was not justified in making the assertion that the sultan had broken his promise in regard to the settlement of the claims.

PACIFIC CABLE DIFFERENCES.

Washington, April 21.—The house committee on commerce substituted the Sherman bill for the construction of a Pacific cable in place of the bill introduced by the committee. The Sherman bill had been previously reported to the house, but this action puts it in the form of a substitute to the bill now pending. It differs from the Sherman bill in providing construction by private contract under government supervision, while the senate bill provides for government construction and operation.

HOW TROUBLE CAN BE Averted.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—In discussing American-Turkish affairs, the news from the Turkish capital could easily avoid undesirable reprisals by asking for the friendly mediation of neighboring European states. In the present international situation, very friendly intervention is possible upon the basis of the Hague convention, and such intervention would both serve the cause of peace and have Turkey from troublesome complications.

Strike Situation Unchanged.

Atlanta, Ga., April 21.—No appreciable change has taken place in the Southern railway strike situation. Reports to the strikers' headquarters from every division show confidence and encouragement on the part of the telegraphers. Conditions appear to be normal with the Southern railway.

Three Men Blown to Atom.

Detroit, Mich., April 21.—A special to the News from Keweenaw, Mich., says: "The packing house of the Ajax dynamite mill blew up, killing three men, Wm. Weaver, Ed Halligan and Wm. Van Assender. They were blown to atoms."

Vanance Done By Earthquakes.

Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—The steamer Milovera from Sydney brings news that the earthquake in Japan has shaken down buildings in New Britain and that considerable uneasiness was felt on account of the activity of the volcano at Mount Fuji.

Queen Presented With a Bouquet.

Dublin, April 21.—Queen Victoria after visiting the zoological garden where she seemed much interested paid a visit with the princess to the convent of St. Mary of Loretta, where she was presented with a bouquet in the shape of an Irish harp.

Landed Only One Round.

New York, April 21.—The McGovern, featherweight champion, was awarded the decision over Tommy Warren, of Brooklyn, at the end of the first round of what was supposed to be a 25-round bout before the Broadway Athletic club.

BOER LOSS HEAVY

Over One Hundred Killed in the Attacks Made Upon the British at Wepener.

STILL HAVE THE PLACE SURROUNDED

Five Wagon Loads of Boers Killed and Wounded Was the Loss in One Night Attack.

Another Attack Was Repulsed By the British, Who Tied Their Horses—Boers Heavily Fought Along Bignagars Range.

Allval North, April 21.—Capt. Little, of Brabant's Horse; Lieut. Little, of the Buffs, a Reuter correspondent, fell into the hands of the enemy while they were trying to reach Wepener a week ago. Every thing was taken from the prisoners, who were sent to Pretoria. Their names, and those of the Boers who escaped from the Boer laager near Wepener, say there were four men disabled and that the Boers had lost 100 in killed alone.

It is also asserted that the Boers made a night attack on April 11, but were discovered while creeping along a deep ditch by Cape mounted rifles, with Maxims, who fired into them at a distance of 200 yards, with the result that the Boers lost five wagon loads of killed and wounded.

A simultaneous attack in other quarters was repulsed by the British, who used their bayonets.

ENEMY SEEN AGAIN.

Boers in Great Force Reported to Be Well Positioned Along the Bignagars Range.

HOW THE BOERS MOVE BIG GUNS UP HILL.



Rollers and levers used by the Boers in placing artillery in position.

party of Boers on the British left in the same position from which the enemy recently fired on the South African Horse. In this instance, however, there was no firing.

Native deservies confirm previous statements with respect to the positions and strength of the Boers along the Bignagars range. The enemy have recently established a large hospital, which is being established by them at various railroad towns.

The Boers are reported to wish to leave the Bignagars and to take up a position at Majuba, but the commanders refuse.

BRITISH IMPOSSIBLE.

London, April 21.—The Bloomsbury correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, April 19, says: "There is already a 30-foot flood of the Caledon river, which is reported to be still rising. All the drifts on the Moulter river are impassable. Traffic is temporarily interrupted southward, the water having washed the ballast from the line of the railway. The country about Bloomsbury is so deep in mud that the roads are impassable."

Investment Relaxed.

London, April 21.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Thursday, April 20: "The investment of the British position on the east and south has been relaxed. A majority of the company are supposed to have left for the purpose of intercepting the relief column, leaving one gun and about 1,000 men on the west to prevent our operations. Our casualties are about 150. No sound of the relief column has been heard."

Boers Moving Freely About Wepener.

Musier, Bismarckland, April 19.—The Boers continue to move freely around Wepener, going in all directions from which relief columns are expected. Desultory cannon fire and sniping have been going on all day, with nearly any reply from Col. Jaager's force.

Latent of the Boer Raids.

London, April 21.—The Lady Smith correspondent of the Standard says: "There is good reason to believe that the Boer raids are intended to cover the enemy's withdrawal from Ladang in order to help the Boers in opposing the advance of Lord Roberts."

ONE WAS ACQUITTED.

Six of Seven Men on Trial for Murder Are Found Guilty at Belleville, Ill.

St. Louis, April 21.—The jury in the Barkin murder case at Belleville, Ill., rendered its verdict. Six of the seven men on trial were found guilty. One was acquitted. Charles Hastings was found guilty and his punishment was fixed at 18 years in the penitentiary. The punishment of the other five, James Allen, George Gaffney, James McCreesh, Michael Kennedy, and Harry Wade, and Richard Brumby, was fixed at 14 years in the penitentiary. John Dugan, the youngest of the prisoners, was declared not guilty. There is one man more to be tried. He is Monk Baxter, who obtained a change of venue to Clinton county.

Barkin, who was sheriff of St. Clair county, Illinois, was shot in January last while engaged in putting down a riot among the prisoners in the Belleville jail, and died two weeks later from the effects of the wound. He killed one of the ringleaders during the melee.

DIVINE HEALER'S MAIL SEIZED

Twelve Snacks Addressed to Francis Truth at Boston Will Be Opened by the Postal Authorities.

Hoston, April 21.—Twelve snack mail addressed to Francis Truth, the divine healer, who was arrested recently charged with fraud, have been impounded by the United States government under the usual "fraud order." Many of the thousands of letters contained in the 12 snack carry money for "absent treatment." Truth's usual charge was \$5 for absent treatment, so that necessarily the amount of money contained in the letters is very large.

The 12 snacks of mail will be opened by the postal authorities. The letters will bear names and addresses on the envelopes will be returned to the writers. The other letters will be sent to the "dead letter" office at St. Louis.

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Mrs. F. A. Mackey died at her home in Rosedale, a suburban town of Kansas City, Mo., April 18th, of pneumonia, aged nearly 81. She was the wife of John T. Mackey and they with their nine children were born in Mason county, in ant immediately around Dover.

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